

PAT-Net 2009 Conference

Open Themes, Open Spaces

May 29-31, 2009
Kentucky State University
Frankfort, Kentucky

The Public Administration Theory Network, in cooperation with the School of Public Administration at Kentucky State University, invites participation in its 2009 Conference, to be held May 29-31. A joint reception with the Teaching Public Administration Conference participants will be held on May 28th for early arrivals.

Based on feedback to recent conferences, the emphasis this year is on creativity rather than formality. In celebration of the wide diversity of scholarship available under the umbrella of public administration theory, we are opening up this year's conference in two ways:

Day 1 of the conference (May 29) will present individual papers and panels with no theme other than "theory".

Days 2 and 3 of the conference (May 30-31) will begin with a general plenary in which individuals will present a brief critique and vision for the field which will then be discussed through an "Open Space" process. The focusing question for these statements is: "*How can PA theory and praxis promote human flourishing?*" We hope that this question, as noted by Open Space process technology founder Harrison Owen, says "just enough to evoke attention, while leaving sufficient open space for the imagination to run wild."

Beyond presenting our critiques and visions to one another during the opening plenary and coming back together at the end of our time together in a closing plenary, the remainder of the agenda and schedule will be self-organizing with the assistance (but not direction) of a facilitator. In other words, it will be a democratic deliberative process.

What might we create together? The end result of our conversation may identify a new list of "big questions" for the field—one that does not demand agreement among all. It may produce a grand statement that redefines the field. It may identify a number of issues for further exploration among those with similar passions. It may identify important areas of disagreement that spawn a productive theoretical volley through future publications. It may generate a useful list of action items for activist scholars. It may inspire ongoing dialogue about future conference themes. Or perhaps it will merely allow us the rare opportunity to have a robust dialogue with our fellows for which traditional conference programs leave little space.

PAT-Net 2009 Conference Schedule

Thursday, May 28		
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Reception (Cash Bar)	Reception with TPAC attendees as well
6:30 – ? p.m.	Hosted Dinner	KSU President Mary Sias
Friday, May 29		
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration	KSU representatives
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Conference Committees Welcome
9:00 – 10:15	Concurrent Sessions 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Panel 1—<i>Images & Metaphors</i> • Short Panel 2—<i>Crossing Borders</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Transition Break (snacks)	
10:30 – 12:15	Concurrent Sessions 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Panel 3—<i>New Configurations</i> • Long Panel 4—<i>Individuals and Choice</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Transition Break	
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch	Keynote or Performance
1:30 – 1:45	Transition Break	
1:45 – 3:30	Concurrent Sessions 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Panel 5—<i>Conflict & Competition</i> • Long Panel 6—<i>Normative Public Policy</i>
3:30 – 4:00	Snack Break	Publications Tables (M.E. Sharpe, CQ Press)
4:00 – 5:15	Concurrent Sessions 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Panel 7—<i>New Public Philosophy</i> • Short Panel 8—<i>Netcentric Governance</i>
5:15 – 5:30	Transition Break	
5:30 – 7:00	Business Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATP Report • Report from the Coordinator • Conference 2010 (date/place; committee)
Saturday, May 30		
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 – 10:45	Open Space Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process explanation • Rules of engagement consensus • Critique presentations • Issue identification • Issue grouping (intersubjective agreement) • Process agreements for going forward
10:45 – 11:00	Transition Break	
11:00 – ??	Concurrent Dialogue Sessions (Box Lunch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break-out groups per identified issues and process agreements • Dialogue
8:30 – 11:00	Movie Night	<i>The Lives of Others</i>
Sunday, May 31		
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own	
9:00 – 1:00	Concurrent Dialogue Sessions (Lunch on your own)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialogue • Identify points of agreement and disagreement? • Identify opportunities for research and theory building? • Make commitments for collaborative action, if any? • Delegate a spokesperson
1:00 – 3:00	Closing Plenary (snacks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue groups share with one another
3:00 – ?	Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For those not traveling... a fun activity to close

Day 1 Presentations

Panel/Paper Title	Panel Type	Author Name E-mail
<i>New Configurations</i>	Long	Moderator: Matt Witt wittm@ulv.edu
Deconstruction and Reconstruction: Theory Building in PA		Richard J. Herzog rherzog@sfasu.edu
Anarchy As A Model For Network Governance		Aaron Wachhaus taw203@psu.edu
The Nature of Foreclosure: PA, Marcuse, and Feminist Possibilities		Jennifer Eagan jennifer.eagan@csueastb ay.edu
<i>Images, Metaphors, and Antenarratives (Images & Metaphors)</i>	Short	Moderator: Aaron Wachhaus taw203@psu.edu
Journey to a Damaged Self: Antenarratives of Life and Work for People with Multiple Sclerosis (MS)		Margaret Vickers M.Vickers@uws.edu.au
Dissociation, the Semi Autonomous Self, and Public Administration		Art Sementelli sementel@fau.edu
Organizations as Public Relations Firm: A New Image		Staci Zavattaro szavatta@fau.edu
<i>Conflict and Competition in Market, Polis, & Agon (Conflict and Competition)</i>	Long	Moderator: Veronica Elias eliasm@ipfw.edu
Openness To The Agon: An Examination Of The Character Of Politics And Its Relationship To Public Administration		Michael Spicer m.spicer@csuohio.edu
Toward a Dialectical Synthesis of Competing Political Ontologies		Margaret Stout margaret.stout@bridgew. edu
Creative conflict as the <i>polis</i>		Veronica Elias eliasm@ipfw.edu
What is Left of Capitalism? The Implications for PA		Charles Abel cfabel@sfasu.edu
<i>Individuals and Choice</i>	Long	Moderator: Tom Catlaw thomas.catlaw@asu.edu
The Philosophy and Science of Choice		Eric Austin eaustin@montana.edu
Identity vs. Legitimacy: Family Feud or Kissing Cousins? A genealogical study into identity and legitimacy in American governance and society		Jeannine Love j9love@gwmail.gwu.edu
Application of Thought Experiments to Public Administration		Cindy Pressley pressleyc@sfasu.edu
Neo-progressivism: Addressing ontology, individuality, and legitimacy in a new era		Jeffrey Callen asu_callen@mac.com

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<i>Constitutionalism and Normative Groundings of American Public Policy (Normative Public Policy)</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Moderator/Discussant: Dragan Stanisevski</i> DStanisevski@ps.msstate.edu
Examining the North American Free Trade Agreement: A New Public Philosophy		Stephanie Pink sap146@ps.msstate.edu
Constitutionalist Perspective on Government's Role in Health Promotion: Examining Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Comparison to Autism Policies		Kywai K. Lawrence KKL8@msstate.edu
Examining Environmental Policy Under the New Public Philosophy Frame: The Failure of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act		Beth M. Rauhaus Br232@ps.msstate.edu
Exploring the Genealogy of National Education Policy: The Blacksburg Manifesto Perspective		Isla-Anne Schuchs Carr ias5@ps.msstate.edu
<i>Ontological Discourse On A New Public Philosophy (New Public Philosophy)</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Moderator/Discussant: Bob Cunningham</i> rcunning@utk.edu
A New Public Philosophy for the Current Freight Based Economic Development Railroad Renaissance		Bethany Stich BStich@ps.msstate.edu
Refounding Economic Development: A New Public Philosophy		Chad Miller Chad.R.Miller@usm.edu
Privatization: Good Governance or Misfounding		Robert Eskridge rde55@ps.msstate.edu
<i>Crossing Borders along the Rio Grande Valley: Values, Knowledge... (Crossing Borders)</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Moderator: Terence Garrett</i> Terence.Garrett@utb.edu
Measurement, Symbols and Homeland Security in a Hostile World		Leland Coxe Leland.Coxe@utb.edu
The Border Wall as Simulacrum: The Politics of Fear and the (De?)Construction of the DHS Border Fence in the Rio Grande Valley		Terence Garrett Terence.Garrett@utb.edu
The Biblical Foundations of Performance Measurement: An Economic Exegesis of Mathew 25		James Storbeck James.Storbeck@utb.edu
<i>Netcentric Governance</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Moderator: Pieter Wagenaar</i> fp.wagenaar@fsw.vu.nl
Mind, Matter and Energy: An Archetypal Interpretation of Current Social Consciousness in the U.S.		Allan Jones allan.jones@em-i.com
Netcentric work: organizing emergent organization		Pieter Wagenaar & Kees Boersma fp.wagenaar@fsw.vu.nl
The Rise of GIS-oriented Government (no proposal)		Catherine Horiuchi cmhoriuchi@usfca.edu